

**REMARKS**

Applicant hereby files this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 25, 2006, in the above-referenced patent application. Before this supplemental filing, Claims 3-12 were pending in the above-referenced patent application. Through this supplemental filing, Claims 3-8 have been canceled and renumbered as new Claims 13-18. Thereby, Claim 9-18 are pending in the above-captioned patent application. No new matter has been added.

**CONCLUSION**

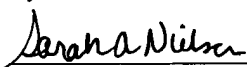
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If the Examiner believes that telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the listed telephone number.

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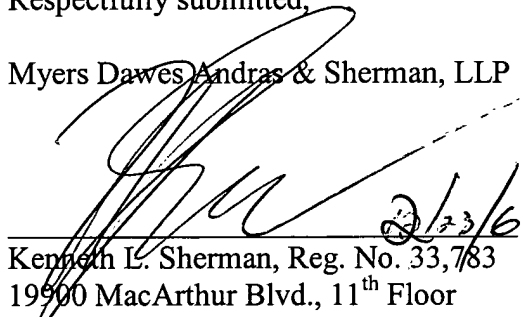
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